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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Surg. Guiteras at Galveston reports 9 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis with 4 deaths at Galveston from March 1 to 4, inclusive

The health officer at Dallas, Tex., reported cerebrospinal meningitis present in Dallas as follows: 1911.—Month of October, 1 case; month of November, 9 cases with 6 deaths; month of December, 73 cases with 32 deaths. 1912.—Month of January, 221 cases with 85 deaths; month of February, 106 cases with 50 deaths.

At Fort Worth the health officer reports the occurrence of 75 cases with 32 deaths during the month of February, 1912.

At San Antonio the health officer reports 12 cases with 4 deaths for the month of February, 1912.

TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC AT ROCKFORD, ILL.

The health officer reports typhoid fever present in epidemic form at Rockford, Ill., with 119 cases reported during the week ended February 17, and 170 cases during the week ended February 24.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 180 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended February 24, 1912.

During the same period 3,220 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 3,400 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Oct. 9, 1911.....	114 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911.....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Feb. 24, 1912.....	5	1 148	85
Oakland.....	do.....	13	2 563	382
San Francisco.....	do.....	8	* 1,309	998
County—					
San Joaquin.....	do.....		1 166	166
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	do.....		967	917

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 95; *mus musculus*, 53.² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 455; *mus musculus*, 105; *mus rattus*, 2; *mus alexandrinus*, 1.³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 658; *mus musculus*, 323; *mus rattus*, 160; *mus alexandrinus*, 168.⁴ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 157; *mus musculus*, 3; *mus rattus*, 4; *mus alexandrinus*, 2.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following table the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health, and include all cases reported to the State authorities.